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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF U.S. INVESTMENTS - MEETING OF
EXPROPRIATION GROUP

REF: STATE 136155

1. AT ITS JULY 14 MEETING, INTERAGENCY EXPROPRIATION
GROUP EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER FAILURE OF THE EPMG TO
MAKE PROGRESS ON SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS BY U.S.
INVESTORS. GROUP WAS OF UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT TIME IS
RUNNING OUT, AND THAT IF NO PROGRESS IS FORTHCOMING IN
THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IT WILL BECOME NECESSARY TO BEGIN
IMPOSING SANCTIONS REQUIRED BY HICKENLOOPER, GONZALEZ AND
TRADE ACT PROVISIONS ON EXPROPRIATION.

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2. IN LIGHT OF APPARENT INEFFECTIVENESS OF PAST GENERAL
DEMARCHES ON THIS SUBJECT, GROUP FEELS THAT TIME IS NOW
RIGHT TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH THE COMPENSATION COMMISSION
FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE AFFECTED FIRMS. SUCH AN
ACTION WOULD PROVIDE A TEST OF EPMG COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE
COMPENSATION AND WOULD GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE

CLEAR POSITIVE SIGNAL THAT IS NOW REQUIRED IF WE ARE TO
AVOID IMPOSITION OF LEGISLATIVE SANCTIONS. WE BELIEVE
THAT AN APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE REQUESTED FOR EITHER

AXUM AIRLINES OR ETHIO GUM/MILLE FARMS SINCE BOTH
MR. CLYDE F. ADAMS (AXUM AIR) AND MR. RONALD BURTON
(ETHIO GUM/MILLE FARMS) HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO VISIT ADDIS IF APPOINTMENT WITH COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ABOVE
PROPOSAL AND VIEWS ON WHICH COMPANY WOULD BE BEST AS
INITIAL CASE TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH COMPENSATION COMMIS-
SION. FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF EMBASSY VIEWS, WE WILL
AGAIN DISCUSS THIS WITH COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE
TAKING FURTHER ACTION. VANCE

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